



Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (Domestic students)

Program code	Entry requirements	Prerequisites
1370	10	English (4SA)
Available at Gold Coast Campus	Overall position (OP) 2019 78	Assumed knowledge Maths B (4SA)
Duration 4 years full-time	Rank 2019 (more) OR VET qualification Diploma	One of Biology, Chemistry or Physics (4SA)
Credit points 320	(Additional requirements)	OP 1-6 Guarantee If you receive an OP 1-6 or equivalent and meet subject prerequisites, you are guaranteed a place in this program.
Indicative fee \$9,359.00* per year (more) * 2019 indicative annual CSP fee Calculate your fees	Offered in Trimester 1 and Trimester 2	

Why choose this program?

Medical scientists perform diagnostic tests of blood, tissues and other bodily fluids to help doctors diagnose diseases such as glandular fever, diabetes, swine flu and even cancer. Medical scientists can also recommend treatment options and help manage clinical trials.

In this degree, you will develop the knowledge and skills to work as a medical scientist. In your first year, you will take courses in chemistry, cell biology, anatomy and physiology. You will learn about the body's structure, how it functions under normal circumstances and general health challenges.

From your second year, you will start to focus on specialist courses in medical laboratory science and learn how the body functions under diseased conditions.

In your third year, you will gain more in-depth knowledge of medical laboratory science and undertake full-time clinical placements in each of the areas of medical science.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

This program will be offered full-time and on-campus at the Gold Coast. The program is completed in eight trimesters.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

The Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science shares a common foundation first year with a number of other Health Group programs. Core courses in this program involve more than 400 hours of laboratory work (WiL) plus approximately 400 hours Clinical Placement in fourth year. Laboratory work and research projects will provide you with a significant period of time in a professional workspace to develop technical knowledge and skills appropriate for work in research or commercial laboratories.

Students will participate in the Health Foundation Year courses which include over 80 hours of laboratory work and computer laboratory work in 7 of the 8 core courses. The second year of the program includes over 120 hours of WiL in laboratory environments. In third year, students are expected to complete more than 300 hours WiL.

Fourth year includes 40 credit points of Practical Clinical Placement in Trimester 1. It is envisaged that this clinical placement experience will be in excess of 400 hours.

My career opportunities

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You will be able to work in hospital laboratories, private pathology laboratories, state health laboratories, universities, veterinary sciences, forensic laboratories, food and cosmetic industry with specialisation in haematology, transfusion science, histopathology, clinical microbiology, clinical biochemistry and molecular diagnostics.

Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science is accredited by the [Australian Institute of Medical Scientists \(AIMS\)](#) and the [Institute of Biomedical Science \(IBMS\)](#).

Professional recognition

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The [Australian Institute of Medical Scientists \(AIMS\)](#) and the [Institute of Biomedical Science \(IBMS\)](#) recognises graduates of this award.

Placement requirements

Before I enrol

- Criminal History Check
- Immunisation and Health Record
- Working with Children Check (Blue Card)

Professional placements

- Griffith University Health and Safety Induction
- Griffith University Student Deed Poll
- New South Wales Health placement requirements (including mandatory training)
- Queensland Health placement requirements

There are placements associated with this program. Students should refer to the **checklist of pre-placement and placement requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Fit for Placement website](#) for full details of the requirements regarding clinical placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

Note: In the event that there is a difference between the contents published on the Fit for Placement website and the program-specific information published on the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses websites, or where information published on the Fit for Placement website is not in accordance with University Policy, the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses website contents and University Policy shall override the information on the Fit for Placement website.

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The fee is indicative of an annual full-time load (80 credit points) in a program categorized to one of the Australian Government's three broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets [student contribution amounts](#) on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)